Austrian A-Team

Ground Rules

1. **General behaviour**
   a. **Language:** German and English are the preferred languages to be spoken during all A-Team activities and events (trainings; matches; meetings; etc.);
   b. **Openness:** be open and encourage openness in others; have your say and be honest;
   c. **Confidentiality:** keep it in the team and have loyalty for each other; no gossip;
   d. **No excuses:** don't apologise for actions; get it right and be professional;
   e. **Patience:** if you are omitted, congratulate the selected players (your time will come);
   f. **Respect:** have and show respect for other team members;
   g. **Be present:** don't just turn up, make a contribution;
   h. **Fun:** enjoy yourself!

2. **A-Team activities and events**
   a. **Announcements and registration:** all A-Team activities and events (like training sessions; matches; meetings; etc.) including their location and planned start/finish times will be published on the ACA and SNASY websites and Facebook pages well in advance; check these websites regularly;
   b. **Cancellation:** If you cannot make an announced A-Team activity or event (or you expect to be late), you need to let the A-Team management staff know by sending a short mail via Whatsapp ideally at least one day in advance;
   Bad weather conditions will not automatically lead to a cancellation; unless not explicitly communicated by the A-Team management staff or on the websites, you are still required to turn up for all A-Team activities and events, regardless of the weather conditions.
   c. **Punctuality:** make sure you are on time for each announced A-Team activity or event. In case of practice sessions, this means you need to be fully dressed and prepared at the designated starting time of the session;
   If you have to leave prior to the end of the activity or event, let one of the coaches know on your arrival, otherwise everyone stays till the end;
   d. **Family and friends:** except during dropping-off and picking-up, family and friends are not welcome to attend or watch practice sessions, meetings and internal practice matches of the Austrian A-Team. During official friendly matches, family and friends are of course welcome to support you, however your place is with the A-Team at all times (this also applies in case you are a reserve player for the game).

3. **Personal equipment**
Each A-Team player is responsible for obtaining and using his or her own personal equipment:
a. **Bat:** the A-Team management staff or the ACA cannot be held responsible for bats being broken by your own usage or bats being broken while being borrowed out to other players;
b. **Compulsory personal protection:**
   - Helmet (to be worn at all times while batting and close catching);
   - Abdominal guard/box/"Hodenschutz" (to be worn at all times while batting; highly recommended to be worn while fielding as well);
   - batting gloves;
   - leg guards;
   - outer thigh pad;

c. **Optional personal protection equipment** to make you feel safe and confident while batting and fielding, like inner thigh pad, arm guard, chest guard and shin guards (highly recommended to be worn while fielding).

4. **Mobile phones, social media and press**
a. **Mobile phones,** smartphones, tablets, etc. must be and stay switched off and be held out of sight during all A-Team activities and events (trainings; matches; meetings; etc.);
b. **Postings on social media** like Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, etc. regarding your personal involvement within the A-Team or the A-Team in general are strictly forbidden at all times;
c. **Talking to the press** is only allowed after approval by the coaching staff. In case of queries by the press, just refer to the A-Team management staff or the ACA.

5. **Fines and repercussions**
a. **First warning:** If you break any of the above ground rules, you will receive a first warning;
b. **Second and final warning:** In case of a second offence, you will receive your second and final warning;
c. **Suspension:** A third offence will lead to an automatic suspension from all A-Team activities; the A-Team management staff will let you know within one week about their next course of action, which may be removal from the Austrian A-Team

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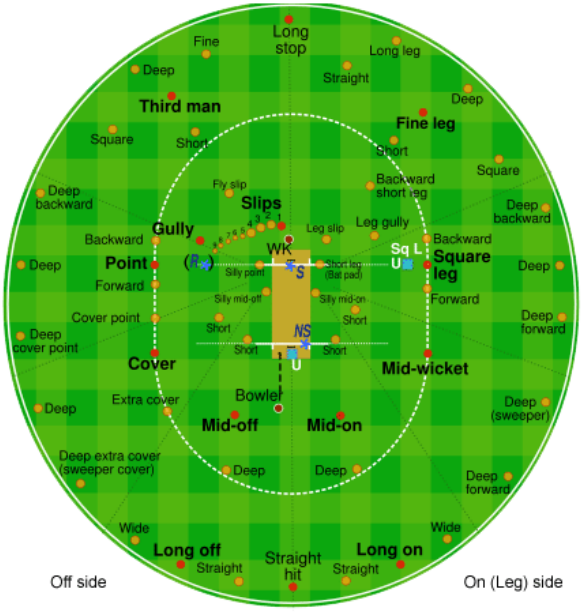
Cricket: Fielding Positions for a right-handed batsman



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